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REF: JCS 10115 SEP 72

SUBJECT: SPECIAL GIANT NAIL MISSION

1. THERE ARE ONLY TWO "H" CAMERAS EXTANT; ONE IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING TESTS SUBSEQUENT TO RECENT MODIFICATION (EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL NET NOV 72); THE OTHER CAMERA IS OPERATIONALLY READY AND IS ASSIGNED TO THE TACKLE PROGRAM, CURRENTLY TASKED FOR PHOTOGRAPHY OF FORT BAYARD.

ADVISES THEY CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENT REGARDING LOAN TO

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SAC UNTIL FORT BAYARD PHOTOGRAPHY HAS BEEN ACQUIRED OR THE SECOND CAMERA HAS BEEN CERTIFIED OPS READY.

2. A "B-2" CAMERA CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

FROM FOR LOAN TO SAC. THIS CAMERA IS CAPABLE OF

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PRODUCING APPROX 1.5 FT GROUND RESOLUTION AT NADIR AND
PROBABLY TWO OR THREE FEET AT 35 MILES FROM NADIR. THE
USE OF THE B-2 SHOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GIVE A GOOD COMPARISON WITH
THE IRIS II SINCE ITS GROUND COVERAGE IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF
THE IRIS. THE B-2 WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED ONLY ON A
LOAN BASIS AS WELL, HOWEVER, WE WOULD HAVE AN OPTION AT THE COM-
PLETION OF THE COMPARISON TESTS TO RUN A CURRENTLY STORED
B-1 CAMERA THROUGH A FACTORY CHECKOUT AND PEAKING CYCLE
(APPROX 2 WEEK TIME PERIOD) AND ASSIGN IT TO SAC AT OL-RU
PERMITTING THE BORROWED B-2 TO BE RETURNED TO

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3. THE LOAN OF THE B-2 WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY ITS HATCH FOR THE
U-2R, A TECHNICIAN, FILM FOR FOUR MISSIONS, ETC.

25X1 4. WITH YOUR APPROVAL OF ABOVE, WILL COORDINATE DELIVERY
25X1 OF THE CAMERA AND EQUIPMENT TO WOULD REQUEST JRC INSTRUCT
CINCPAC/CINCPACAF TO PROVIDE C-130 (CHURCH DOOR TYPE) AT REQUEST
25X1 OF TO TRANSPORT CAMERA, ETC., TO AND RETURN.

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